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(c) Rupees 1,800 per annum towards leave salary and £292 per annum towards study allowance approximately on these two officers.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: What is the duration of the stay of these officers in the United Kingdom?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: Fifteen months, Sir.

Taking over of the Thaliparamba-Iritty Road

* 113 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have got any proposals to take over the Thaliparamba-Iritty Road from the Malabar District Board; and, if so, the stage at which the matter stands now?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: The road has not yet been taken over by the Government, but it is likely that it will be taken over during the Second Five-Year Plan period.

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: In view of the fact that the culverts and bridges on the road are in a state of dilapidation and the District Board is not in a position either to reconstruct or repair them, vehicular traffic on the road has been rendered extremely dangerous. Therefore will the Government take steps expeditiously to take over the road by the Highways Department and do the necessary repairs?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: There is a proposal to take over all the major district roads in instalments starting with 1957–58; 500 miles in 1957–58, 550 miles in 1958–59; 600 miles in 1959–60 and 650 miles in 1960–61 making a total of 2,300 miles, under that scheme. The Chief Engineer has to suggest the mileage to be allotted to each district and the number of miles of roads to be taken year-war and so on and so forth. If there is an urgency or demand for priority with reference to the road referred to by the hon. Member he may perhaps impress upon the authorities concerned that it should come in first.

Queue system at bus stops in Madras City

* 114 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Police is posted to enforce queue system at bus stops in Madras City; and

(b) whether conductors are taken to task when passengers violate the queue formation?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) A Police Squad, consisting of one Sub-Inspector and six constables, working under the State Transport Department enforces the queue system. The Police constables posted at bus stops for preventing pocket picking also enforce the queue system as it reduces scope for pocket picking. No separate police men are detailed solely for enforcing the queue system.

(*b*) No, Sir.

Formation of Dakshina Pradesh

* 115 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any decision in May 1956, on the proposal to form a Dakshina Pradesh; and

(*b*) if so, whether this Government have informed the Central Government about their views on the proposal?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Strike notice from the teachers of Ganapath High School, Kozhikode

* 116 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any strike notice in June-July 1956 from the teachers of Ganapath High School, Kozhikode, and the teachers of other schools managed by the Malabar Education Society; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Strike notices have been received from the teachers of the schools at Kozhikode, Kallai and Tanur.

(*b*) The main reason for the strike resorted by the teachers is the abnormal delay in the disbursement, by the management, of the salaries and dearness allowance due to them. In the case of the schools at Kozhikode, Kallai and Feroke, orders have been issued for the departmental disbursement of the arrears of salaries and dearness allowance due to the teachers and other staff, by utilizing the teaching grant for 1954–55 and advance teaching grant for 1955–56 payable for the schools. The advance teaching grant payable to the Tanur School for 1955–56 has also been permitted to be utilized for departmental disbursement of the arrears of the teachers' salaries. The teachers of the Kallai and Tanur Schools have since withdrawn the strike resorted to by them.